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James L. Santelle, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, announced that two Wisconsin men were separately sentenced in federal court in Green Bay on unrelated federal tax crimes.

Roger Schlomann (dob: xx/xx/1967) of Menasha, Wisconsin, who had previously pleaded guilty to two counts of failing to pay the IRS payroll taxes that had been withheld from the wages of employees of his business, was sentenced to 25 months in prison and ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine. Schlomann is the former president and co-owner of Schlomann Brothers Construction, Inc., located in Appleton, Wisconsin.

During the years 1998 through 2007, Schlomann failed to pay almost \$900,000 in payroll taxes that were withheld from the wages of the employees of Schlomann Brothers Construction. Schlomann also failed to file quarterly payroll tax returns during this period. Despite failing to pay these payroll taxes, Schlomann paid himself and business partner substantial wages and used business receipts to pay for personal expenses. The IRS is continuing to pursue the collection of the payroll taxes.

In a separate tax prosecution, Scott Jordan (dob: xx/xx/1963), of Green Bay, Wisconsin, was sentenced to 6 months in jail and ordered to make restitution to the IRS of \$69,357. Jordan, who was the owner and operator of a painting business located in Green Bay, pleaded guilty to filing a false federal income tax return that understated his income and taxes from the business. During the years 2004 - 2006, Jordan under reported his income from the business by more than \$230,000 and understated and underpaid his taxes by almost \$70,000.

"Whether it be falsifying a personal return, or failing to pay over withheld employment taxes from a business, knowingly committing tax fraud is a serious offense," according to IRS Criminal Investigation Special Agent in Charge, Julio La Rosa. "Those that do prepare accurate and honest returns and pay their tax obligations deserve to know that those who don't will be punished for their actions."

These matters were investigated by Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation special agents and were being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Matthew L. Jacobs.

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